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1. The Bureau of Industry of Chekiang Province is planning to devote a million mou of farm land in the province to cotton growing in 1950. To purchase the 50,000 piculs of cotton seed required for planting, the administration has established the Chekiang Provincial Cotton Seed Purchasing Committee. Its headquarters, under chairman YANG Chün-ta (楊俊達), is permanently located in Chenhai (121-42, 29-58).
2. Branch offices, operated by sub-committees, have been established in Hangchow, Hsiaoshan (120-17, 30-10), Pinghu (121-02, 30-42), Haining (120-32, 30-25), Yuyao (121-10, 30-02), Tzuchi (121-28, 30-00) and Chenhai.
3. The sub-committee in Chenhai, headed by YI Chung-hsing (尹象興) and CHAI Kuang-yü (蔡光宇), is planning to buy 2,000 piculs of cotton seed at a rate of 100 catties of cotton seed to the price of 45 catties of rice. For seeds of excellent quality, however, higher prices will be paid. YI and CHAI are consulting with the Farmers' Department of the Ningpo Administrative Office on the best way to buy cotton seed.

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